

the Reading Clerk to read this letter from the Chief of Pages.

READING CLERK: "The Honorable H. Vernon Eney, President, Constitutional Convention of Maryland, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

"Dear Mr. Eney: I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity you gave me to work with the Constitutional Convention. The experience is one which I shall always recall with pleasure, and especially the 'thank you' from the delegates themselves.

"The most exciting part was the group of teenagers I worked with who served as pages. In the entire four months we encountered no real problems. These teenagers should serve as an example as to what such groups can accomplish. They reflect nothing but honor on teenagers in general. There ought to be some way for the general public to be informed about this group and the job they performed. I plan to write each page a personal note thanking him or her for the spectacular job that was done.

"Very truly yours, Joan E. Marx,
Chief of Pages."

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: I am also told that Judge James Morton of the Intermediate Court of Appeals is in the chamber somewhere in the rear. With the lights in my eyes I cannot see him, but we are delighted to have him here.

(Applause.)

I think it would interest all of you to know, and also the spectators in the gallery, that the desk in the well of the chamber on which the constitution will be signed this morning has been brought here from the Old Senate Chamber. It is the original made by Mr. John Shaw for the Senate in 1797. It was in continuous use as the desk of the President of the Senate. The chair has been constantly in the State House ever since its manufacture. It is truly an historical piece of furniture.

I have a message received just yesterday from the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention. I will ask the Clerk to read it.

READING CLERK: "From the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention of 1967-68 to the Honorable H. Vernon Eney, President, Constitutional Conven-

tion of Maryland, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

"Dear Mr. Eney: I thank you personally, and on behalf of the entire Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, for the expression of good wishes contained in your letter of last December 4th.

"Also, I have enclosed a copy of the resolution adopted by the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention that officially expresses its appreciation for the good wishes from Maryland, and wishing the Maryland Convention continued success.

"Sincerely yours, Raymond J. Broderick, Lieutenant Governor, President."

"In the Constitutional Convention
December 11, 1967

"The 1967-68 Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, although just beginning its efforts towards revising certain provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution, has viewed with admiration the labor and dedication of the Maryland Constitutional Convention, which has been in session since September 12, 1967, and which will conclude its work by January 12, 1968.

"The Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention is most appreciative of the best wishes received from the Maryland Constitutional Convention in the form of a Resolution on December 7, 1967; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention hereby sets forth its appreciation for the expression of good will from the Maryland Constitutional Convention; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention wishes the Maryland Constitutional Convention continued success and Godspeed in the remaining days of its most eventful session; and be it further

"RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Maryland Constitutional Convention,"

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: The very efficient Secretary of the Convention has just sent me a note that I am not only anticipating the ratification by the people on May 14, but I have already put it into effect.

Judge Murphy is chief judge and Judge Morton is the associate judge of the Court